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ALEXANDRIA, November, 23, 1865.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

DEAR SIR:—Mr. Hugh Kennedy called on me in a great hurry to-day, at about 6 o'clock. He seemed in good spirits, but he feared the good luck might be of short duration. Mrs. Mary Kennedy, his wife, formerly Miss Mary Leary, has given him, in anticipation, a Christmas gift, which, under the direction of Barnum, in New York, might prove a fortune; the more so, as it seems to run in the family, on her mother's side, to offer these uncommon tokens of mutual affection and love.—Her mother, Mrs. Johanna Leary, who now is living with her husband, Daniel Leary, at Woodville Rappahannock, Va., had set her the example to cement conjugal love. Mrs. Mary Kennedy, faithful to the lesson of her mother, has proved a worthy daughter, by the liberality to her husband. Mrs. Johanna Leary, some 28 years ago, gave birth to three boys, as an unmistakable pledge of her affection to her husband, while they were still living in Keelneen, county Cork, Ireland. Mary, her daughter, thought the mother's instructions were the best. She could and would do no less—early impressions are very powerful and lasting! To return to the subject, Mr. Hugh Kennedy insisted I should go all at once by the cars, at 7½ o'clock, to Culpeper C. H., Va., to baptize the three brothers, and administer the spiritual consolations of religion to his wife, for fear of death. We arrived at 11 o'clock a. m., but I found mother and children all well. The good people of Culpeper, having been informed of the arrival of the trio in their village, on the 22d instant, at 7 o'clock p. m., were overjoyed, and hastened to make up the garments, with all trimmings, for the three strangers. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy wish them to be christened, Jerry, Hugh and Dennis; the village people Hill, Lee and Jackson. I told them, that it was the custom in the Catholic Church to give to children the names of Saints, that they may learn to imitate their heroic Christian virtues; but my argument proved of no effect. At last I had to make a compromise, and I baptised them, Jerry Hill, Hugh Lee, and Dennis Jackson. I thought all difficulty was now settled, but I found I was mistaken. Jerry, Hugh and Dennis were so much alike to one another that it was impossible to say which is which. The ladies, more expert, solved the knotty question at once, by fastening strings of different colors around the arms of the three babies. Yours respectfully,
PETER KROES.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE, VIRGINIA.

[From the Staunton Vindicator.]

The germ of Washington College was a Classical School, first located near Greenville, in this county, and subsequently removed to Rockbridge, where in 1774 it received its first public support by funds subscribed for the purpose, mostly in the Valley of Virginia. In 1796 Gen. Washington donated to it the stock in the old James River Company, given him by the State of Virginia; a fund equivalent to about \$50,000. About 1803 the Cincinnati Society, composed of the surviving Revolutionary officers, turned over to it their fund of near \$25,000. And later, John Robinson, a soldier under Washington, devised to the College a sum of near \$25,000. Lands for its purposes were donated from time to time by private citizens.

These funds, being mostly in State securities and James River bonds, are now unavailable, and a proportion, over \$15,000 in bank stocks, are utterly lost. General Hunter's (Federal) army, while in Lexington in 1864, destroyed the property of the College to the extent of \$17,500, as estimated by a commission accompanied by the Federal officer commanding that post. It is now desired to raise by public contributions the means to sustain the College in its usefulness until its endowments can again be available to restore its sacked libraries, its despoiled cabinets, its ruined philosophical apparatus, and its war blasted walls.

It is proposed also to raise a special endowment, the income from which shall support the chair to which General Robert E. Lee has been appointed, and in which useful labors he is now so nobly devoting all the energies of his great soul.

A public spirited citizen has headed the contributions of Augusta with a thousand dollar bond. Few may feel able to give so liberally now, but surely all who are able to give anything will cheerfully contribute, as they can, to revive this venerable institution.

Financial.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK—

Corner of Prince and Water Streets.

Government Bonds,

5 PER CENT TREASURY NOTES,
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AND

CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

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Collections made on all parts of the United States.

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BURKE, HERBERT & CO.,

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Office, corner King and Water sts., Alex., Va.

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UNCURRENT MONEY.

GOLD AND SILVER COIN,

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BONDS AND STOCKS,

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Sight Drafts, Checks, and Time Collections promptly remitted for. nov 1—tf

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MAGEE & BARSTOW

PATENT VENTILATING STOVES.

Comprising

Parlor, Cook, Hall and Dining Room Stoves.

Hot Air Furnaces and Ranges.

Also Manufacturers and Dealers in all sorts of

Stoves, Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Ware.

Guttering, Spouting, Roofing, &c.,

done in the best manner, and at shortest notice.

HOUSE AND SHIP PLUMBING done in the best manner. All work Warranted. je 19—tf

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of COOK, PARLOR and other STOVES, with

a general assortment of TIN WARE. This

selection of Cook Stoves being the best in use,

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IS SELLING OFF AT

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As his entire stock will have to be closed out

POSITIVELY BEFORE NEXT SPRING,

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BOOTS AND SHOES

Will be sold at

LESS THAN COST.

Remember,

S. DEALHAM,

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nov 7—3m ALEXANDRIA.

CARRIAGES! CARRIAGES!

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On hand a superior lot of good and fashionab

Carrriages, such as

BAROUCHES,

BRETTES,

ROCKAWAYS,

BUGGIES, &c.

Prices reasonable, and work warranted.

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Washington, D. C.

Washington, nov 1—1m*

DAVY & HARMON,

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Grocers, Feed and Flour Merchants,

Corner of Prince and Royal Sts.,

jan 19—1y ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Commission Merchants.

BOWEN, BROTHER & CO.

GENERAL SHIPPING &

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

ALSO,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCERS,

SHIP CHANDLERS,

AND PRODUCE DEALERS.

We intend to receive daily, and keep constantly on hand, a large and well selected stock of choice

FAMILY GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS,

AS WELL AS

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RAILROAD AND

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Particular attention paid to the forwarding of goods, either by rail or water.

All kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE bought or exchanged.

The highest prices paid for Grain, Wool, Sugar, Butter, Eggs, &c.

Our connection with NEW YORK and other cities enable us to secure the best supplies the Northern market affords, as well as to secure the best prices for consignments shipped through our hands.

Also, agents of the ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S SEMI-WEEKLY LINE

OF STEAMERS running between Washington, Alexandria and New York. oc 10—tf

THOMAS PERRY.

FORWARDING AND

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

NO. 8, PRINCE STREET.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Farmers furnished with Guano, Farming Implements, Groceries, &c., at the lowest market rates FOR CASH. aug 25—tf

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ASHBY & WHARTON.

GROCERS, COMMISSION &

FORWARDING MERCHANTS.

and dealers in LIQUORS.

N. W. Corner King and Union Sts., Alex., Va. sep 13—tf

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FORWARDING MERCHANT,

No. 46, King street.

ALEXANDRIA.

nov 9—tf

JOHN S. KNOX, JR.,

(Formerly Knox & Bro.)

FORWARDING AND COMMISSION

MERCHANT,

No. 10, Union street.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Country Produce Bought and Sold. jy 26—tf

W. A. SMOOT.

FORWARDING & COMMISSION

MERCHANT,

No. 21, North Union Street.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Country Produce Bought and Sold. aug 3—6m

GEORGE H. ROBINSON,

GROCER, FORWARDING,

AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Particular attention paid to the selling of all kinds of country produce. Goods forwarded promptly. no 21—tf

SHIP CHANDLERY—30 coils of HEMP

and MANILLA ROPE; 20 coils BAL

LING ROPE, for sale by

aug 12 NATHANIEL BOUSH & CO.

MADAME DEMOREST'S BRANCH,

DRESS MAKING ESTABLISHMENT,

117, KING STREET.

MRS. H. ROSENBAUM, sole agent in

Alexandria, for the above establishment, has

just received the latest styles of Fall and Winter

Patterns, for Ladies' and Children's wear. This

is the only place in town where ladies can rely

on getting their Dresses Made in the Latest

Parisian and New York Fashions.

JUST received—a splendid assortment of

DRESS TRIMMING AND BUTTONS.

at MRS. H. ROSENBAUM'S, 117, King st.

FRENCH FLUTING done at

MRS. H. ROSENBAUM'S, 117, King st.

FURS cleaned, repaired and altered to the latest fashions, at MRS. H. ROSENBAUM'S,

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Files, Rasps, Shoeing Tools, &c. Comm'n's

Iron Beam Plough at factory Prices; Castings

for Titus Iron Plough kept on hand; Sash,

Doors, Blinds, &c., furnished to order. Roofing

Felt, and Cement, Percussion Caps, Double

and Single Guns, Shot Pouches, Powder Flasks,

&c., wholesale and Retail. Terms Cash. sel—tf

RAISINS.—25 boxes LAYER RAISINS.

Received and for sale by

GEO. E. WHITE,

nov 11—2w Nos. 89 and 91 Cameron Street.

CLOVER AND TIMOTHY SEED.—A full

supply of fresh and clean Clover and Timothy Seed received and for sale by

HENRY COOK,

oc 23— 39, King street.

Dry Goods, Millinery, &c.

NEW GOODS.

A. METZGER, formerly of the firm of Hofheimer & Metzger, having commenced business on his own account, and opened the store lately occupied by J. Hamburger, No. 82, King street, returns his thanks to his customers, for their previous liberal patronage, and informs them that he has opened at a new establishment, a large and handsome assortment of FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, EMBROIDERIES, HOSIERY, GLOVES, CORSETS, NOTIONS, &c.

Also, a large assortment of

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES.

He invites the public to call and examine his goods, assuring them that they will be sold at the lowest cash prices. A. METZGER,

oc 27—1m No. 82, King st., near Royal.

DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS.—The sub-

scriber calls the attention of buyers to his

stock of DRY GOODS and NOTIONS, con-

sisting in part of Filled Cloths, Satinets, Cas-

seres, Hosiery, Linseys, Domestic Gingham,

Brown and Bleached Cotton, Dress Goods,

Balmorals, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Hoopskirt,

Shawls, Woollens, Hoods, Sontags, and a general

assortment of Notions; all of which have been

purchased for cash, and will be sold from this

time with the view to closing out the entire

stock during the present season. All who wish

to purchase may find it to their advantage to

give us a call. J. F. JOHNSON,

oct 19—tf 111, King street.

NEW FANCY & DRY GOODS STORE.

CHARLES W. GREEN.

No. 19, North Fairfax Street, in Mansion

House Building.

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CY and DRY GOODS for fall and Winter use;

which will be sold at the lowest rates. se 1—ly

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The undersigned will commence to sell off

his entire stock of DRY GOODS to-day, and

will continue till disposed of. He offers the

ladies of Alexandria and vicinity great bargains,

as he has concluded to leave by New Year.—

Best qualities of Calicoes, at 30 cents; Delaines,

35 cents; French Merinoes, the best quality,

\$1.40; and all other articles in proportion. Call

and see him before buying elsewhere. I have

also a large stock of Cloaks and Shawls, which

I will sell cheap. B. STOLL

178, King street.

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OF NEW YORK.

Cash Assets July 1, 1865.....\$13,500,000

Annual income, in cash.....3,500,000

The dividends of this company are larger, in

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All of the profits arising from this immense

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oct 5—tf Medical Examiner.

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